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Jazzin' it up

The Cougarettes, BYU's award-winning jazz dance team, will perform in 166 RB this Friday and Saturday evening.

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Ashley LeSueur and Travis Lovell/Daily Universe

Bringing down the house

Thousands of students cheer Tiffany's free concert held Monday in Brigham's Square. "You guys definitely rock," said Tiffany as she concluded her hour-long set. Tiffany performed a selection of songs from her new album, "The Color of Silence," as well as old favorites from the '80s, including the concert-ending "I Think We're Alone Now." Story on page 11.

Technology aids church, members

Internet puts news at an easy reach

By Jessica Kehr
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Growth and technology on the Internet have helped worldwide members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to feel more closely connected to the church and its proceedings.

"The church has been capitalizing on computers since the 1940s," said Russell Rasmussen, a part-time adjunct professor in the religion department at BYU.

People have been researching how the Church of Jesus Christ can use computers, he said.

The Internet has been expanding, and the Church of Jesus Christ has taken advantage of that growth.

"It (the Internet) has such a great outreach to be able to get information quickly into the hands of people around the world. I've found that to be very

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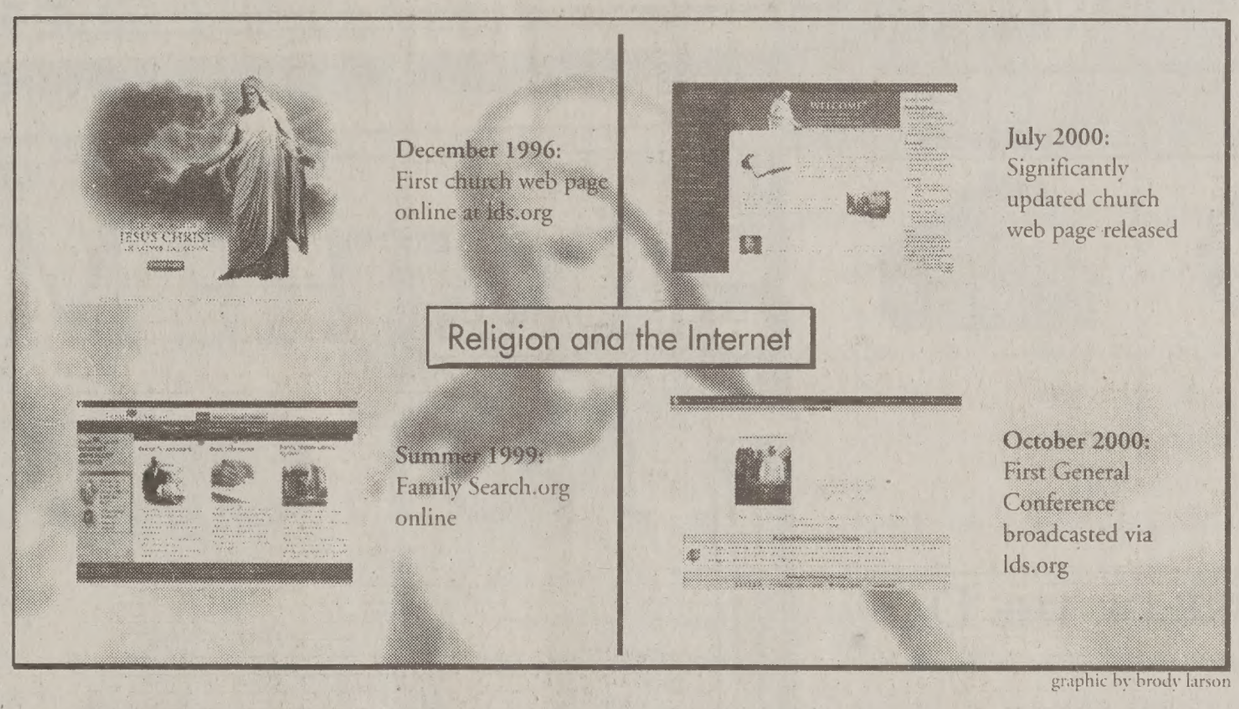

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The exponential expansion of the Internet has pushed The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to take advantage of the new opportunity to reach out to both members and nonmembers across the world. For more on these stories, go to **newsnet.byu.edu/index.cfm?special=church**.

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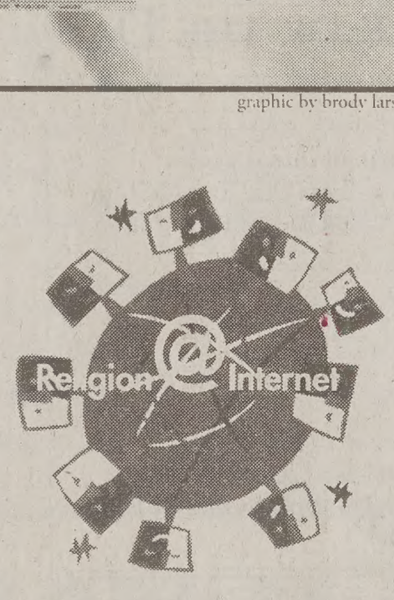

Web makes information accessible

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When the first pioneers left Winter Quarters in April 1847, the Saints did not have today's technology to help them through their trek to the Salt Lake Valley. What they did have, however, were 73 wagons, 93 horses, 66 oxen, 52 mules, 19 cows, 17 dogs and some chickens.

Fast forward to present day, and the Saints have unlimited technology to help them through the trek of life, particularly in this computer age.

"The church has been capitalizing on computers since the 1940s when people started doing (genealogy) research," said Russell Rasmussen, adjunct professor of religion.

The first computer programs developed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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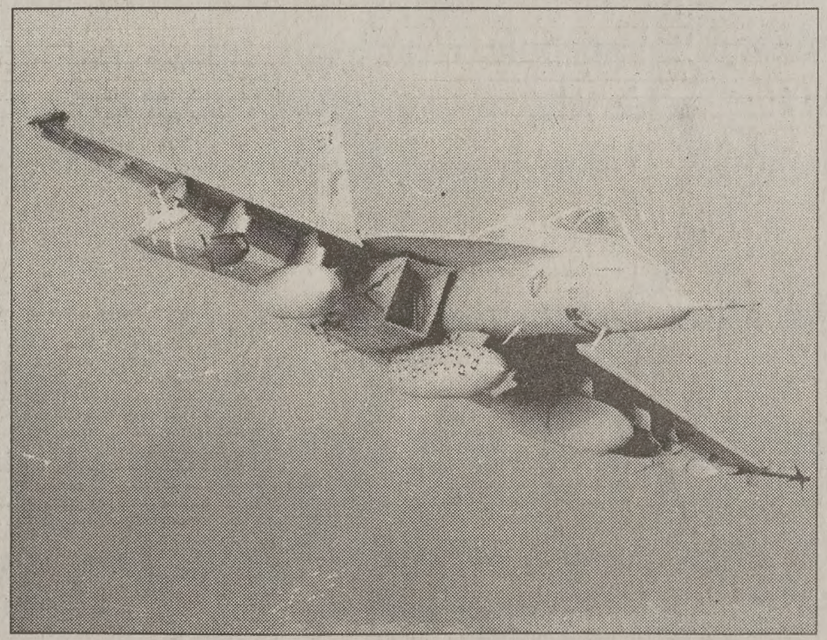
U.S. Navy mistakenly drops bomb, kills 5



Newsmakers photo

An F/A-18 Hornet cuts through the skies on a training mission. A Hornet dropped a bomb on military personnel during a training exercise Monday, killing five servicemen.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. Navy war plane mistakenly dropped a bomb on military personnel during a training exercise Monday in Kuwait, killing at least five people, including four Americans and one New Zealander, Pentagon officials said.

The circumstances of the accident were unclear hours afterward. It appeared the Navy F/A-18 Hornet was practicing "close air support" for ground troops at the Udairi bombing range. Those killed and injured apparently were directing the Hornet to targets, but it was unclear what went wrong.

For hours after the accident the Pentagon made no official statement confirming the number of casualties.

Pentagon officials, who discussed the matter only on condition of anonymity, said initially that five people had been killed. They later raised the figure to six before saying they could not be sure which was correct.

Two of the Americans killed were from the Army and two were from the Air Force, said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Brett Bartos, a consul at the New Zealand Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, told The Associated Press that a New Zealander was killed in the accident. He refused to give any other details.

Col. Ahmed al-Rahmani of the Kuwait Defense Ministry told Kuwait TV that six people were killed and some of those injured were in critical condition. He did not elaborate.

One Pentagon official said an estimated 10 people were injured. A second official said no civilians were involved.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman would say only that there had been a "training accident" and that there were an unspecified number of casualties.

President Bush, traveling in Panama City, Fla., opened a speech on his budget proposals and military spending with brief mention of the accident.

"I'm reminded today of how dangerous service can be. We lost some servicemen today in Kuwait in a training accident," Bush said. "I hope you'll join me in moment of silence for those soldiers and their families. God Bless."

The accident happened at the Udairi bombing range in Kuwait, about 28 miles from the Iraqi border. One official said those killed and injured were involved in a multinational training exercise in which ground forces direct strike aircraft to specific targets. It was not clear what went wrong Monday.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Burger King recalls choking-hazard toy

MIAMI — Burger King said Monday it is recalling 400,000 "Rattling, Paddling Riverboat" toys distributed nationwide because the toys pose a choking hazard for small children.

A pin holding the boat's paddlewheel can come loose and is small enough to be inhaled, said spokeswoman Kim Miller. The toys were distributed from Jan. 15 to Feb. 13 and were given to children under age 3.

No children have been injured, she said.

Last year, Burger King recalled toy Pokemon balls after two children, ages 13 months and four months, suffocated.

Miller said that experience "certainly heightened our awareness" about the hazards of toys.

Last week, McDonald's recalled about 234,000 toys that came with the chain's Happy Meals after learning three children had choked or gagged on the "Scooter Bug" antenna, which can break off.

Parents can call 1-800-661-9173 to replace a toy.

Man pushed wife into Grand Canyon

PHOENIX — A Colorado man who admitted to killing his third wife by pushing her into the Grand Canyon was sentenced Monday to life in prison.

Robert Merlin Spangler, 68, of Grand Junction was sentenced in U.S. District Court as part of a plea bargain in the killing of Donna Sundling Spangler, said Jennie Larsen, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office in Phoenix.

As part of the deal, Spangler also admitted to the slaying of his first wife, Nancy Spangler, and their teen-age children, David and Susan, in their Littleton, Colo., home on Dec. 30, 1978.

Donna Sundling Spangler, 58, was killed April 11, 1993, while backpacking with her husband along a developed trail. Spangler told park rangers that his wife had fallen at Horseshoe Mesa as she posed for a picture.

NATO, Yugoslavia sign deal Monday

MERDARE, Yugoslavia —Former enemies NATO and Yugoslavia agreed on a deal Monday that will allow them to squeeze ethnic Albanian guerrillas from separate flanks, while the rebels signed a cease-fire — all moves meant to reduce the threat of a new Balkan war.

Under the agreement, Yugoslavia would be allowed to send better-armed troops into the southern tip of a buffer zone adjoining Kosovo that is now overrun by ethnic Albanian insurgents, who also use the region for incursions into neighboring Macedonia.

The deal takes some pressure off NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo, particularly the American troops involved in trying to stop the movement of fighters and supplies south into Macedonia.

NATO has increased its presence in areas of Kosovo bordering Macedonia. Macedonia's government, however, has been urging NATO to extend its activities into the three-mile-wide buffer zone, which separates Kosovo from the rest of Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic. The alliance has refused, saying it is restricted to Kosovo by the U.N. resolution setting up its mandate.

NASA to recover balloon in Australia

PERTH, Australia — NASA scientists set out Monday to recover a giant research balloon that landed in northwestern Australia after a failed attempt to circumnavigate the globe at the edge of space.

The balloon, made of plastic as thin as sandwich wrap, came down near Carnarvon, some 1,240 miles west of its launch site at Alice Springs. The balloon came down several hours after it was sent aloft Saturday.

NASA had hoped the Ultra Long Duration Balloon would circle the Earth at an altitude of 20 miles, scraping along the edge of the atmosphere and studying outer space, but shifting high-altitude winds forced it down.

The U.S. space agency hopes to develop helium-filled balloons for use as cheap alternatives to rocket-launched satellites. So far it has had little success.

There were lengthy delays before the first launch, which finally took place Feb. 25.

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sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

— *Romans 8:28*

Clint Hirschi, 22, who is here on vacation from Cleveland, Ohio, likes this scripture because "it is comforting to know that while I am out doing God's will, he is working for me!"

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Ramp to close, grads face congesti

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BYU and UVSC students, faculty and visitors will have one fewer I-15 ramp available during the month of April.

The Utah Department of Transportation is planning to close I-15 exit 272, where University Parkway intersects I-15, within the next two to three weeks.

The closure will last approximately 40 days.

The closure will not only cause a daily inconvenience for commuters and nearby businesses, but it may also affect traffic for graduation ceremonies for both BYU and UVSC and for BYU's Women's Conference, said Carri Jenkins, assistant to the president, university communications.

"Traffic for graduation won't be as much of a problem because people tend to trickle down throughout the day," she said.

"We're more concerned with the traffic for the Women's Conference because a majority of the women attend the keynote address the first morning," she said.

BYU's main graduation ceremony is scheduled for April 26, and the university expects between 5,000 and 7,000 people to be in attendance, Jenkins said.

> "Traffic for graduation won't be as much of a problem because people tend to trickle down throughout the day."
> — Carri Jenkins, asst. to the president, BYU communications

A much larger number — around 20,000 — are expected to attend the Women's Conference keynote address May 3.

"We have been working closely with UDOT," Jenkins said. "They have been good to discuss potential problems and concerns we may have with the closure and have been willing to listen to our suggestions."

Contractors at Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Inc., the construction company in charge of the ramp reconstruction, are also aware of the potential problems the ramp closure may cause and are doing everything possible to avoid the problems, said UDOT spokesperson Geoff Dupaix.

"There are financial incentives to get the project done early," Dupaix said.

Contractors are currently not able to determine the specific dates for ramp closure and reopening.

Variables such as weather and ramp-closure preparation projects will affect the construction dates, Dupaix said.

BYU plans to minimize the traffic-related stress of those traveling to graduation exercises and to the Women's Conference providing news releases a information, Jenkins said.

BYU students planning ticipate in the April g ceremonies are encou inform visitors of the p of the ramp being closed said.

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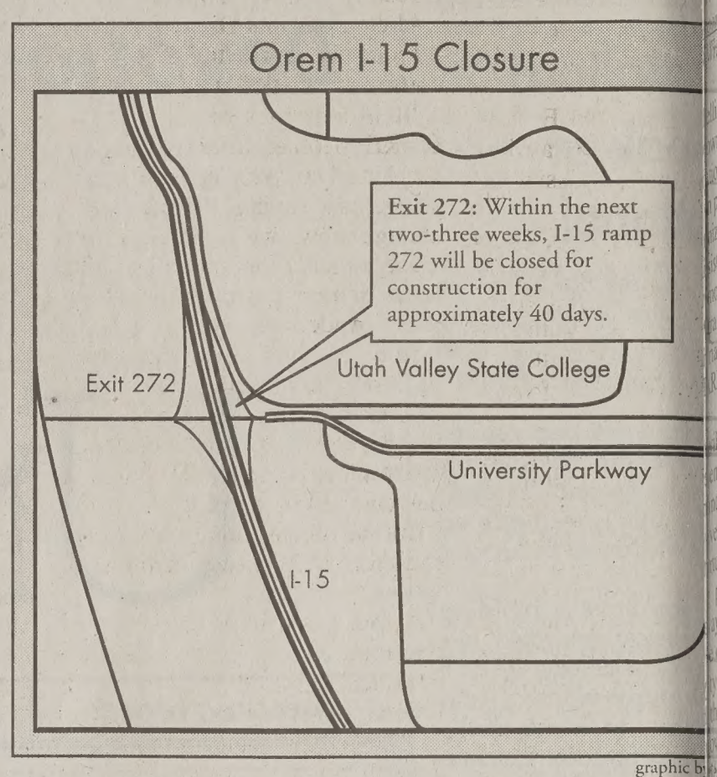
Orem I-15 Closure
Exit 272: Within the next two-three weeks, I-15 ramp 272 will be closed for construction for approximately 40 days.
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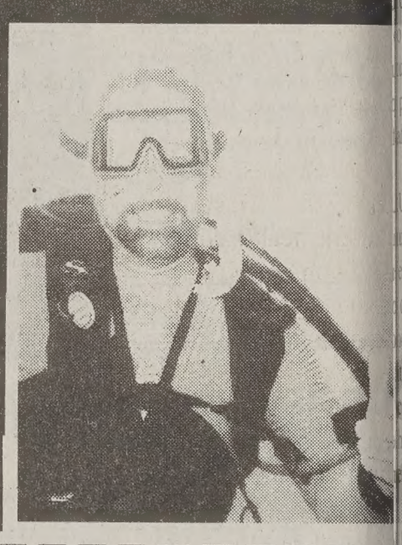

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Allegations that DARE does not effectively curb teenage drug abuse have critics huffing.

"It is ludicrous to me that the DARE people, after defrauding the American people for so many years, are saying, 'Okay, we'll change now, we'll become like these other programs that have been demonstrated to be effective'," Anderson said.

Study results from an evaluation of DARE published in the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology virtually bulldozed every success the DARE program has claimed in the past.

But advocates and representatives for DARE insist the program works.

Ralph Lochridge, director of communications for "DARE America" discredits all research that negatively appraises DARE.

"The media decided there was something wrong with the old program," Lochridge said. "Look at the research and see who's writing it. It's on the agenda of researchers to knock the DARE program."

> "We are not a magic bullet that will solve the nation's drug problems. ... DARE can't do it alone."
>
> — Ralph Lochridge, communications director for DARE America

Lochridge said the non-profit DARE organization is the target of research funded by other drug-prevention programs.

Although Lochridge said he refuses to admit DARE is a failed attempt, DARE is making changes to its curriculum.

In the last two years the program has integrated more interactive instruction and now addresses issues of violence education, according to Lochridge.

DARE's newly formed Scientific Advisory Board will aid in a self-evaluation of the program and "put to rest the non-sense of whether the program is effective or not," Lochridge said.

"We are not a magic bullet that will solve the nation's drug problems," Lochridge said.

"There are many aspects of the drug war, and DARE can't do it alone."

Shannon Anderson, coordinator of Safe and Drug Free Schools for the Salt Lake City school district, said DARE has always supplemented Utah's Prevention Dimensions program, which has been in effect for 20 years

"No one said DARE was bad, just less effective," Shannon Anderson said. "Prevention Dimensions lacked the face value of DARE but has always been so much a part of the health curriculum that no one saw it to be a special drug program."

Josh Ewing, director of communications for Mayor Anderson said money used in the DARE program to fund officer's in the classroom has been set aside to fund similar programs to supplement Prevention Dimensions.

DARE is still in effect in most Utah school districts.

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> "There is a lot of controversy surrounding RU-486 and we do not offer it."
>
> — Laura Davenport, medical director for the University of Utah

While the FDA has declared RU-486 safe and effective, some in the medical community remain skeptical. One is Jim Davis, director of Utah State University's Student Health Center in Logan. RU-486 "has a lot of potential, in addition to not working, for medical complications," he said.

Additional training, staffing and equipment required to offer the drug also pose a barrier to the clinics that serve students, Davis said.

The drug can be used only within 49 days after a woman's last menstrual period. And while clinical tests show RU-486 effective in triggering what amounts to a miscarriage 92 percent of the time, 8 percent of women taking the drug require follow-up surgery either to complete the abortion or stop heavy bleeding.

Abortion rights advocates counter that abortion has been legal since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, and that RU-486 falls within the same Utah regulations for terminating a pregnancy as surgical abortions — informed consent, a 24-hour waiting period and parental notification for minors.

Utah faculty salaries below U.S. average

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Faculty salaries at Utah colleges and universities are 10 percent or more under that of comparable institutions around the country, according to the state Office of Higher Education.

Administrators say this places Utah's nine state colleges and universities at a competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining top-notch faculty.

A two-year surge in state funding is helping the schools bridge the gap, but administrators say they have far to go before halting the brain drain.

Peter Stang, dean of the University of Utah College of Science, said salaries at the university lag behind those at peer institutions across the country by an average of 15 percent.

In the past three years, Stang has lost three mathematicians, a physicist, a chemist and now a biologist, Kent Golic, who said a genetics research firm in Kansas City, Mo., offered him a job at twice his current salary.

Golic, who learned a day after accepting the job in Missouri that he had been chosen for the university's Distinguished Research/Creative Award, said he is bolting for a better salary, research support, lab space and a future.

"It's just not so clear here that the Legislature realizes that biology is the science of the next couple of decades," he said.

Golic questions the state's priorities.

"The state of California invested $25 million on a new genomics and bioinformatics building. This is hot stuff in biology," said Golic, who worries Utah is going to be left behind.

In the past couple of years, Harvard, Yale and Stanford have each invested a half-billion dollars into their science programs, said Stang. "These schools soak up the best. We can't compete against these sorts of programs."

Still, University of Utah President Bernie Machen expects to begin closing the salary gap due to softening economies in other states and the surge in state funding.

Lawmakers last month provided $26.4 million for employee compensation to be spread across Utah's higher education system next year.

The figure includes $6 million for pay raises, $5.9 million to cover the rising cost of health and dental benefits and $4.5 million for salary equity.

The situation appears to be worst for Utah's research institutions, which compete nationally with 102 similarly ranked schools for first-rate scholars and researchers.

At Utah State University, faculty salaries are 17 percent to 26 percent below comparable institutions. USU administrators say 41 staff or faculty members left for higher salaries during the past two years.

Swain, who joined USU's Chemistry and Biochemistry Department in 1994 and was appointed associate department head in 1998, left last year for Michigan State University.

"By moving, I approximately doubled my salary and, in terms of research support and lab renovations, I received about six times what I received when I joined USU," Swain said.

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This devotional will also be broadcast in the JSB Auditorium.

Elder M. Russell Ballard

Member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles

Elder M. Russell Ballard was called as an Apostle in October of 1985.

The Salt Lake City native attended the University of Utah and served a mission to England, where he became a counselor in the mission presidency. His Church service has also included being a bishopric counselor, a bishop twice, and a high councilor in two stakes.

In 1974 Elder Ballard was called to preside over the Canada Toronto Mission, where he was serving when called to the First Quorum of the Seventy in 1976. He served in the presidency of that quorum from 1980 to 1985.

Before his call as a General Authority, Elder Ballard had interests in the automotive, real estate, and investment businesses. He has served on many church and civic committees and boards. He is the author of two books: Our Search for Happiness and Counseling with Our Councils.

He is married to Barbara Bowen, and they have two sons, five daughters, forty-one grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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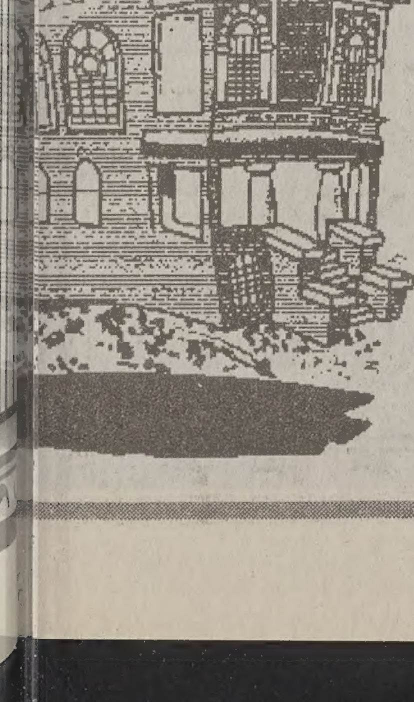

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Saturday's 69-65 win over New Mexico clinched the Cougars' Mountain West Conference title. As a conference title winner, BYU received an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

The 12th-seeded Cougars play 5th-seeded Cincinnati in the tournament's West region Thursday in San Diego.

If BYU beats the Bearcats, the road to the championship will be a long one. The Cougars have never won an NCAA basketball championship. The closest they came was breaking into the Elite Eight in 1981, Danny Ainge's senior season.

On paper, the Cougars have little chance to make it past the first two rounds. But we believe that BYU has the potential to go far.

Whatever the outcome of that game, it has been a great year for BYU.

With a 24-8 record and decisive wins over teams like Utah, Wyoming and Utah State, the Cougars racked up points, and fans filled the once-half-empty Marriott Center.

It's been a great couple of years, thanks to the magic and determination of Cleveland, his staff, and the senior players.

Six years ago, the Cougars dropped to a low of 1-25 on the season.

Then Cleveland signed on in 1997 and things started to turn around.

Under Cleveland's reign, the team's record steadily improved along with recruitment success and attendance in the Marriott Center – from just 8,000 per game in his first coaching year to around 15,000 now.

Last season the Cougars entered the NIT Invitational, for the first time in five years, and advanced to the quarterfinals.

And this year, the team played well enough to make it into the NCAA Tournament.

Apart from Cleveland, individual team members should be lauded for their performance over the past few years.

The triple threat of Mekeli Wesley, Terrell Lyday and Trent Whiting led the team well into the postseason this year, culminating in Wesley's tournament MVP award. Lyday and Wesley were both named to the all-conference team.

The rest of BYU's supporting cast gave the team a strong base.

Thank you, Cougars, for making BYU basketball exciting again. We look forward to the tournament and the successful seasons to come.

BYU basketball is back.

Brian Moss/Daily Universe

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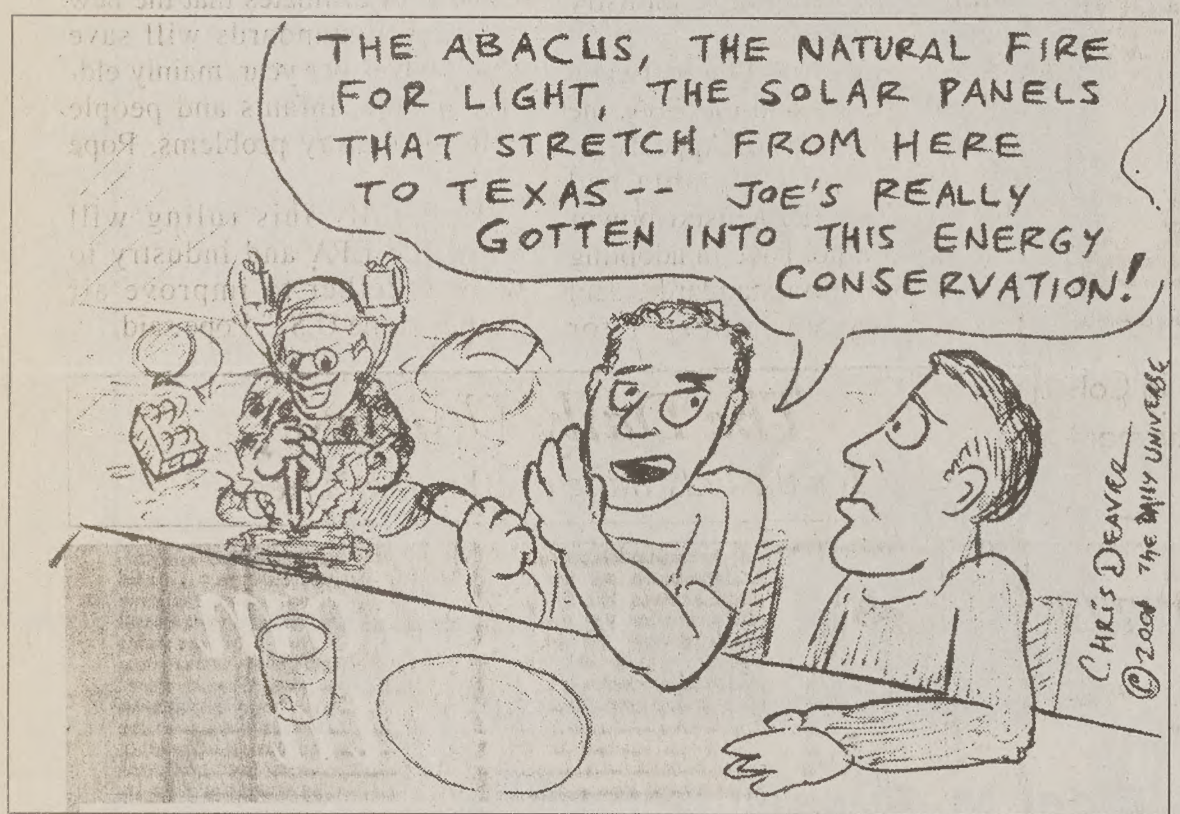


VIEWPOINT

Four-year visitor muses about Utah

andrea ludlow
NewsNet Staff Writer

In the ancient days of the early 1980s, when I was a devoted little Sesame Street viewer, Ernie, of the now infamous Bert and Ernie duo, sang a song about living on the moon.

The wise and all-knowing Ernie concluded that although he might like to visit the moon for an afternoon or two, he would never want to live there.

His reasoning was simple, yet profound: he would miss all the places and people he loved.

I was singing Ernie's song when, after nearly two decades of living in Southern California, I moved to Provo.

Don't misunderstand me – I loved Utah. It was my favorite place to visit.

I vacationed and visited family here every Christmas and every summer. But it was just a visit. California was my home.

Sure, Utah had pretty mountains, chapels on every corner, brick houses and fantastic raspberry shakes. But it didn't have so many of the things I loved about home.

No sandy beaches, no 80-degree winters, no Yogurt Mill (the world's greatest frozen-yogurt shop), none of my millions of brothers and sisters, and no speakers of California English.

Utah residents seemed to speak some sort of foreign tongue, saying things like "Oh my heck!"

So I came to BYU, thrilled to be at the school, but sure to inform anyone willing to listen that I was Californian, not Utahn.

I was on a four-year visit, and when my visit was over, I would return to sunny San Diego, home of all the places and people I loved.

But slowly, I started adapting to my environment. I stopped wearing shorts and flip-flops in the winter. I bought my first real coat.

I started quoting from The Princess Bride. I registered my car in Utah, thereby attaining Utah license plates.

I even made the infamous Jell-O salad a few times.

Lest you think me a traitor to my hometown, however, let me assure you that I have not fully surrendered my western identity.

If you open my wallet, the first thing you'll see is my smiling 16-year-old face on a – yep, you guessed it – California driver's license, which, we all know, is really much prettier than a Utah driver's license could ever be.

But I digress. My point is this: Through all of my transitioning, I made an amazing discovery.

Utah isn't such a bad place to live. In fact, it is a great place to live.

If you look past Geneva Steel, the smoke-blowing factories of Salt Lake City and those California-bashing billboards — the ones with such phrases as, "It's from California, but it doesn't dress funny" — Utah is beautiful.

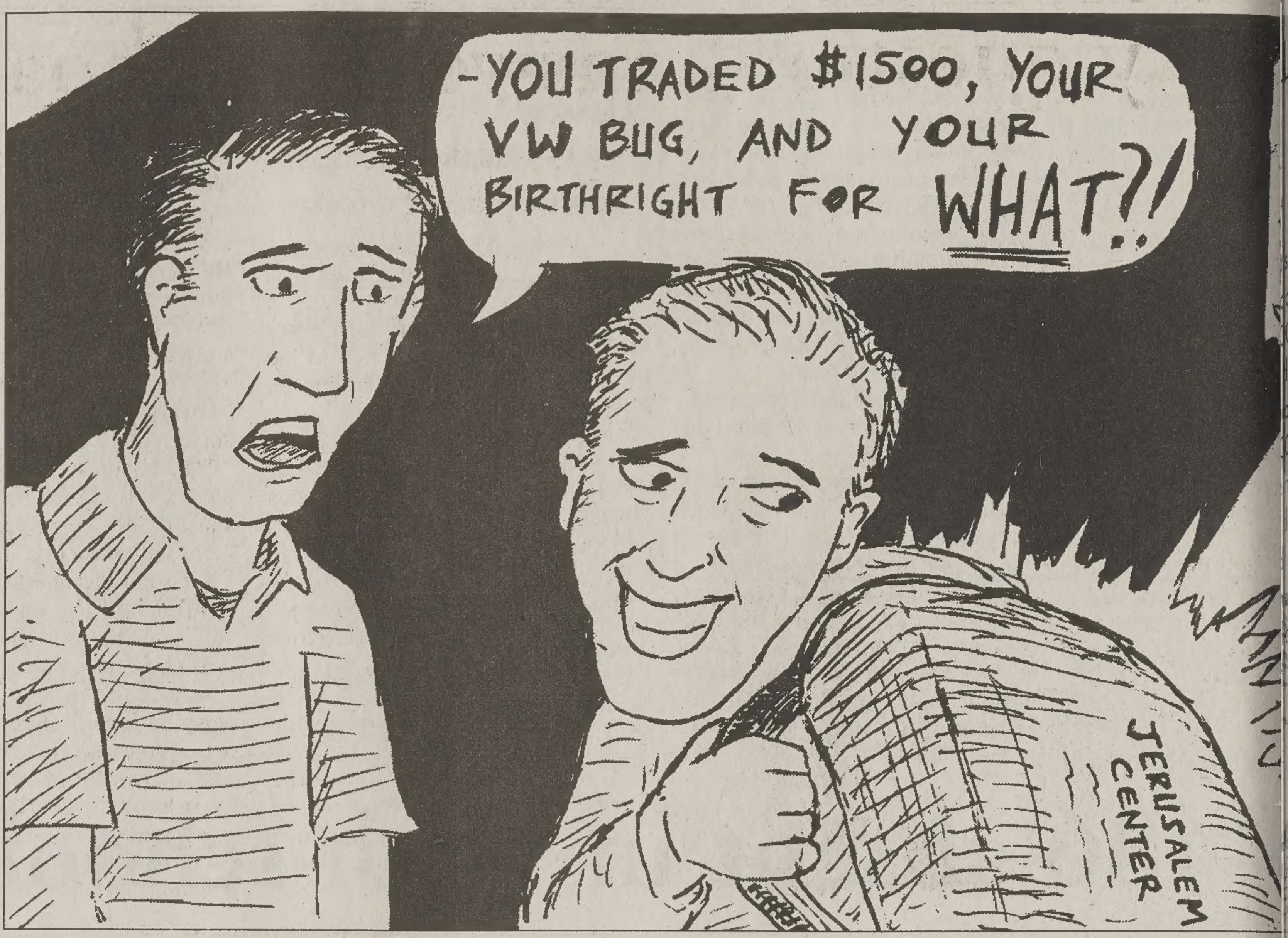
And the residents, even with their peculiar dialect, are generally quite friendly and agreeable.

So to all you out-of-staters with your hometown pride (and I know there are plenty of you out there), I say this: Enjoy Utah while you're here.

It really is OK if you don't want to remain in Utah for the remainder of your life, but don't spend all of your free time telling everyone you know about how you are just temporarily "stuck" here.

I, personally, am no longer counting down the seconds until I leave the area that I once likened to the moon.

After all, even with its California-bashing billboards, it is a pretty cool place.



READERS' FORUM

Lost to the library

Dear Editor,

"Enter to learn, go forth to serve." At BYU we are taught in every class to use the principles we learn, whether they be in art or engineering, to serve our fellow man.

I think that this is a beautiful guideline for the Lord's university. So naturally I found the library locker policy disturbing and hypocritical.

A student feels ill and goes home to rest. And we as a university take this opportunity to snatch his belongings, including his scriptures, and send them out to Deseret Industries to be sold for money.

No day grace period, no courteous lost-and-found policy. No. No place for mercy here. Only cold, swift justice.

How can we believe in principles of service and charity as they are taught in the classroom when they are spat upon elsewhere on campus?

Let's extend the principles we are taught in school and church to our work lives as well. Let's try to help our brothers and sisters instead of taking advantage of every opportunity to destroy them.

A. Scott Haycock
Napa, Calif.

Hold your horses

Dear Editor,

I am not sure who to direct this letter toward, because I am confused. I want some clarification.

In Thursday's paper it was implied that the equitation class or program was being cut because it does not "bless the church."

On an insignificant side note, I heard from a professor that the equestrian program was being relocated to BYU-Idaho.

Aren't the two schools part of the same church?

Why didn't the article just say that BYU does not want the expense of the program, and not say that it does not bless the church?

If blessing the church were all that mattered then bowling and water aerobics ought to be running scared!

Nels Hansen
Weiser, Idaho

No horsing around

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the Thursday article regarding the canceling of the equitation classes. As an Animal Science student involved with the horse program I find the arguments against it unconvincing.

In a meeting with Animal Science students on Feb. 27 it was stated that the department was choosing to focus on those areas that present broad career opportunities.

A study by the American Horse Council indicates that the horse industry in this country directly and indirectly employs 1.4 million people, directly produces $25.3 billion in goods and services, and contributes $112.1 billion to the GDP.

Equine-assisted therapy is one of the fastest growing fields for treatment of physical, mental, and social disabilities; there are therapeutic programs in 26 countries, and the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association represents some 600 centers serving more than 30,000 individuals.

My uncle is the president of a similar organization that serves 150 individuals through the help of numerous volunteers.

The establishment of an equine therapy program at BYU had been proposed. With regards to the mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the value of this educated service could not be overemphasized.

It has been said that a majority of the students benefiting from the equitation classes are not animal-science students.

True, the horse program services 300 students a semester, a minority of which are from animal science. But I feel that the purpose of a university is to provide broad educational opportunity.

Graduates in majors such as Wildlife/Conservation Biology and Rec. Management/Youth Leadership find their employment opportunities increased through the horse program.

Lastly, with regards to cost, the fees for the horse classes have always paid for the feed and maintenance of the animals, leaving the only true cost to the university being the upkeep of the building and one part-time salary.

In light of these facts I question either the reasons given for the decisions made, or the research that went into making them.

Brian Stephenson
Delta, Millard County

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Knight to queens

Dear Editor,

As the Gold "Y" Chapter of Intercollegiate Knights, we have been entrusted with upholding the traditions of BYU. We therefore feel obligated to speak up in favor of the Homecoming queens' portraits hanging in the Wilkinson Student Center.

The Homecoming pageant was an integral part of the historical tradition of this university. Even today, Homecoming is an important activity that encourages social interaction and school spirit among the student body.

If we choose to judge or hide our past, we lose the knowledge of who we are and where we come from.

These pictures represent a celebration of BYU's culture at that time. The intent or focus of these pageants was not laid upon the beauty of one person but the bonding of the student body during Homecoming.

The memory of this tradition remains. We cannot use the standards of today to erase the actions of the past.

Karie Kittelson, chapter president,
The Intercollegiate Knights
Mesa, Ariz.

Grass isn't greener

Dear Editor,

Now that the weather has gotten nice, people are walking on the grass and leaving very noticeable trails of dead grass in the middle of it. This problem can be avoided by simply taking the time to walk on the sidewalks.

Think of how much better campus would look if the grass was all green and there were no white chain fences to block people's way.

Groundskeepers spend most of their time trying to make the grass look good and then it is ruined because people are too inconsiderate to use the sidewalks.

Feel free to use the grass to sleep or study on, just don't walk on it so much. Please take the time to walk on the designated places — not the lush green grass.

Jenette Wild
Laurel, Mont.

Shame on 'Napste

Dear Editor,

I've held my mouth shut for so concerning Napster and file sha general, mostly because I did not offend people close to me that are pating in this activity.

I realize that this has been a mis a music lover, I completely und the desire to listen to music for fr Internet has made this extremely ient.

However, the majority of this copyrighted, and the holders o copyrights do not always wish music to be distributed over the without it being paid for.

This is their right, and to viol right is an act of theft. This h viewed as a gray issue for most people that I've talked to. It is not.

The difference between stealin from a music store and copying music that is copyrighted is a m degree. Both acts are acts of theft. that one is better than the other saying, "Stealing a car radio is bet stealing the entire car."

Both are wrong. Some say that has helped the recording in Whether this statement is true o irrelevant.

The fact is that you are still tak music without the permission artists and, more importantly, the labels, who have contracts wit artists to be allowed to publish the

I am especially disappointed in that so few of the students at this sity have taken a stand against th of theft.

But you still have the opportunit what is right. The choice is still y stop stealing and encourage other steal. I hope you choose what you know in your minds to be right.

Ben Gutierrez
Antioch, Calif.

Free the freshme

Dear Editor,

We are writing to express our for the lack of social events tha over the weekends here at BYU.

We have found it become incre more difficult to enjoy other peo laid-back atmosphere during th part of each week.

Since the approval of the "no fu nance in Provo, we have noticed th decrease in the amount of parties low students are providing for othe

Being college freshmen we feel are in no position to take this mat our own hands for we live on camp those who have endured this exp know how monotonous the dorms

So, in essence, we are writing lenge the upperclassmen who atte fine university. Please throw mo ties!

March is a long month, and if student body have something to lo ward to each weekend, namely a gathering, this Winter Semester more enjoyable for all.

We are grateful for those who w accept the college freshmen int apartments and homes. Our only that others will extend this same tion.

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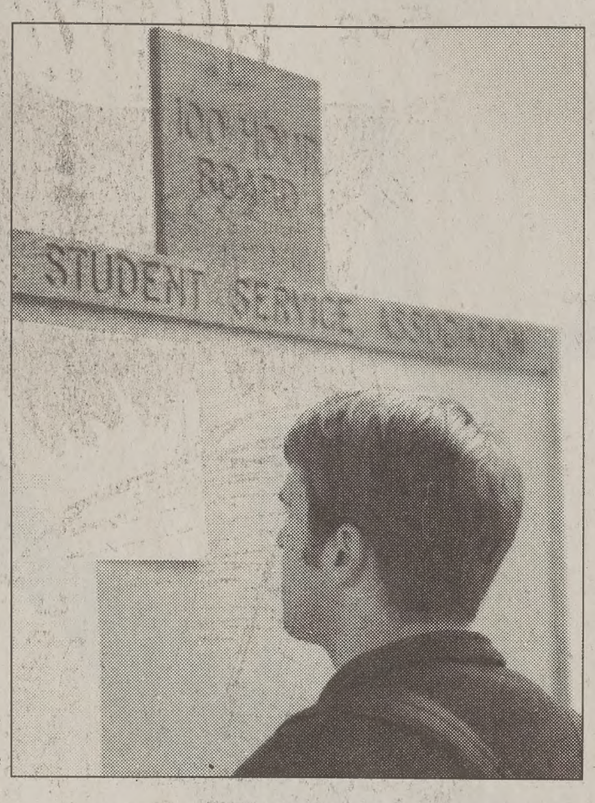

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Witty and ready for the absurd, its staff provides answers from why the Eyring Science Center doors are so hard to open to the name of the indentation between the nose and lip.

These questions are what the 100 Hour Board was made for, said Rachel Welton, BYUSA vice president over public relations.

Welton, 20, a senior from Stockton, Calif., majoring in English, said not very many people know where the 100 Hour Board is, but everyone would enjoy reading it.

The 100 Hour Board, on the first floor of the Wilkinson Student Center across from the advertisement board, is where students can submit any question and receive their answer in 100 hours.

Authors for the 100 Hour Board write anonymously.

Othello is a writer and program director for the 100 Hour Board. He said he matches questions to writers and their interests.

"We don't guarantee a correct answer, we just guarantee an answer," he said, although the answers are usually correct and answered in 100 hours.

"The board originally started as kind of a BYUSA suggestion box and the idea was to keep it of a more serious nature," he said.

But soon the questions became goofier and the answers more silly, and the board did not follow as BYUSA originally intended.

A movement started last year to close the board, but enough students protested.

Ryan Lindgren, 22, a senior from Sandy, majoring in social work, said, "It's quirky, and when BYU lets its quirky side show, it's good."

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"He took the suspenders off his back and gave them to me," she said.

Not only did she get her idol's suspenders, but she also won a free chain saw and helmet.

"I had wanted a chain saw for Christmas but didn't want to ask my parents because they're pricey — it's like a belated Christmas present," Osmond said.

Kevin Zirker, 23, a senior from Moscow, Idaho, majoring in visual arts, is minoring in horticulture and wants to be a landscape architect.

"Art is my hobby, but I've always worked on landscaping and mowing lawns, so I figured I'd combine the two," he said.

Zirker said the career fair was a great chance to find internships and secure jobs by networking.

"A lot of companies were impressed with the BYU students' good demeanor, good education and good ethics," he said.

Photo Courtesy of Laura Amar

Saturday, Kevin Zirker competed in Student Career Days in Colorado by climbing trees. The BYU Horticulture Department placed 12th in the overall competition.

Y professor helps keep the air clean

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Considered one of the most significant environmental cases in years, clean-air standards were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court Feb. 22, thanks to two studies done by a BYU professor.

Arden Pope, a BYU professor of economics and an internationally recognized air-pollution researcher, along with researchers from the Harvard Medical School and the American Cancer Society, conducted studies that showed a strong correlation between mortality rates and different levels of air-pollution.

One of the studies looked at more than 500,000 people in 151 cities and noted 17 percent more deaths in the most polluted cities than the least polluted, Pope said.

The Environmental Protection Agency used the findings to support new standards to limit the amount of fine particles industries can emit into the atmosphere, Pope said.

The standards and the research that supported the EPA came under attack by industry groups that believed the researchers' methodologies were flawed and their findings inaccurate.

"Even though our studies were highly criticized by industries, it's still exciting to see them being held up under intense and professional scrutiny," Pope said.

Another reason industries sued the EPA is because they believed the EPA was overstepping their authority by regulating industry standards, Pope said.

After many struggles between industry groups and the EPA, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia had ruled that the EPA used power that they did not have in adopting new air-pollution standards, said Edward Warren, a lawyer for industry groups.

Lawyers argued that the EPA was setting standards without clear criteria and without considering the financial costs of complying with them, Warren said.

However, the EPA appealed and the U.S. Supreme Court rejected industry's argument that the government must weigh financial costs against health benefits.

The court further ruled that the federal Clean Air Act, enacted in 1970 and the country's premier environmental law, gives the EPA the authority to set air quality standards based on sound science and, regardless of cost, to protect public health without regard to their cost to conduct business, Warren said.

Pope called the high court's ruling good news for the Clean Air Act and for human health.

"Will it help health? The answer is clearly yes. This will provide more incentive and reason to clean up our urban air to reasonable levels," Pope said

The court's ruling was not a complete victory for the EPA. The court said the agency's policy for implementing the new eight-hour standard for ozone pollution was "unreasonable" and therefore "unlawful."

The court ordered the EPA to reconsider how to enforce the ozone standard, Pope said.

The standard that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court states it is a violation if an industry averages more than 65 micrograms per cubic meter over a 24-hour period, Pope said.

The EPA estimates that the new air-quality standards will save 15,000 lives per year, mainly elderly people, infants and people with respiratory problems, Pope said.

"Hopefully this ruling will allow the EPA and industry to work together to improve air quality in the U.S.," Pope said.

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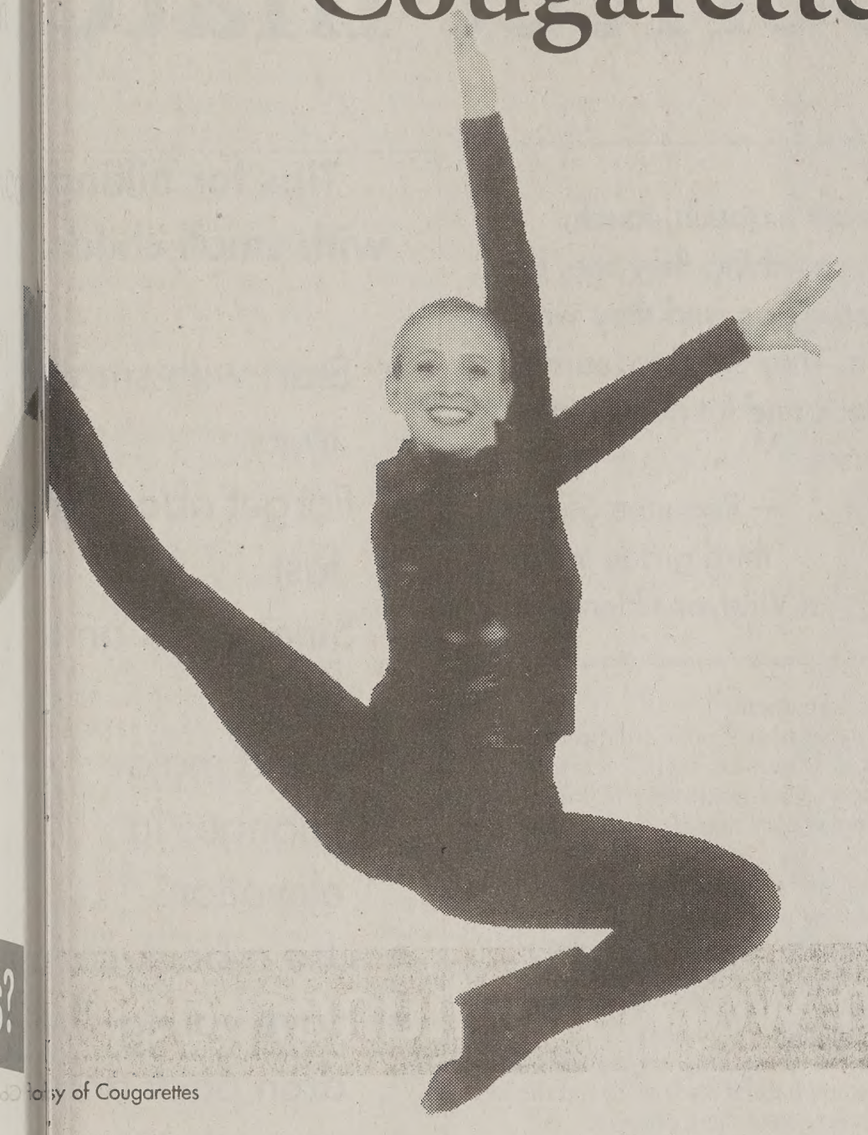
Cougarettes take center stage this week



tesy of Cougarettes

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Infused with energy and excitement, the Cougarettes are ready to strut their stuff.

The Cougarette Showcase runs Wednesday through Saturday in 166 RB at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m. Friday night is already sold out, so the sooner people get their tickets, the better, said Jodi Maxfield, artistic director of the Cougarettes.

"It really is a wonderful show with a little bit of something for everyone," she said. "People leave amazed and astounded at the expertise of the dancers, and the time flies by because it is so entertaining."

The Cougarettes' annual performance consists of 17 numbers in a variety of styles including lyrical, high-energy jazz, hip-hop, funk and character pieces, Maxfield said.

"This is going to be a great show with a lot of variety," she said. "It is probably the best we've ever put together."

One of the lyrical pieces, "Higher," choreographed by Jana Lyn Memmott, is a spiritual message about the crucifixion. "I think the dancers enjoy delivering a message along with being able to dance."

The piece is very pretty and different, said Cougarette Heather Heppler, 19, a sophomore from Orem, majoring in elementary education. Though she enjoys all of the dances, she said "Higher" is her favorite.

"It is a piece that really touches you," she said.

Performing is Heppler's favorite part of dancing and a lot of hard work has gone into the showcase, she said.

"Our goal is always perfection," Heppler said. "We do everything 100 percent."

The Cougarettes have been more involved with the athletic scene during basketball and football games, Maxfield said.

"It has been a wonderful opportunity for us, giving us more visibility, and I think people appreciate it," she said.

Some loyal Cougars said they agree. Tyler Foster, 23, a junior from Littleton, Colo., majoring in mechanical engineering, has attended almost every single football and basketball game.

"I always looks for the Cougarettes at halftime," he said. "It is amazing that they do a different routine every time."

Foster said he likes the athleticism of some of the moves, and how well coordinated the Cougarettes are in every show.

"They definitely add something to the game, especially when they wear BYU apparel," he said.

Even though the increased exposure is a lot more work and time, it is a fun way to be involved in the BYU community, Heppler said. However, the showcase will truly demonstrate what the Cougarettes can do, she said.

> "People leave amazed and astounded at the expertise of the dancers, and the time flies by because it is so entertaining."
> — Jodi Maxfield, Cougarette artistic director

"This is our chance to step out and show people what we really love to do and it isn't just halftime stuff," she said.

Besides this performance, the Cougarettes are preparing to compete in the National Collegiate Dance Competitions in Daytona, April 5-6, which they have won three out of the last five years.

"I'm excited to showcase the Cougarettes because they're very talented and they work very hard," Maxfield said.

Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Ticket Office for $7. They will also be available at the door if there are any seats left.

years later, Haley's Comet burned into the minds of observers

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"Our school got to go up to Hansen Planetarium early in the morning to try to see it," said Jason Williams, 25, from Sandy, attending Salt Lake Community College.

"I saw it up close and personal through a high-powered telescope," he said. "I remember it looking so calm and surreal."

Hansen Planetarium public relations coordinator Susan Harris said she remembers the day vividly.

"I was on vacation in the (U.S.) Virgin Islands," she said chuckling. "I stood there on the beach with waves crashing, watching it through a telescope; it was incredible."

Physics and astronomy professor J. Ward Moody said he recalls being in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the show.

"I saw it from the University of New Mexico," he said. "Unfortunately, it was difficult to see from the northern hemisphere. It was best viewed from the southern hemisphere at evening or night."

A comet is only visible during dark because it emits light from the sun, Moody said.

"Comets are conglomerates of dust, rock and ice," he said. "When the comet gets close to the sun, it begins to melt, leaving the tail we see."

Therefore, comets do not have a tail when traveling through space, Moody said.

Travelers lucky enough to be in the southern hemisphere, like former Brazilian missionary Scott Paulson, were treated to scientific phenomenon.

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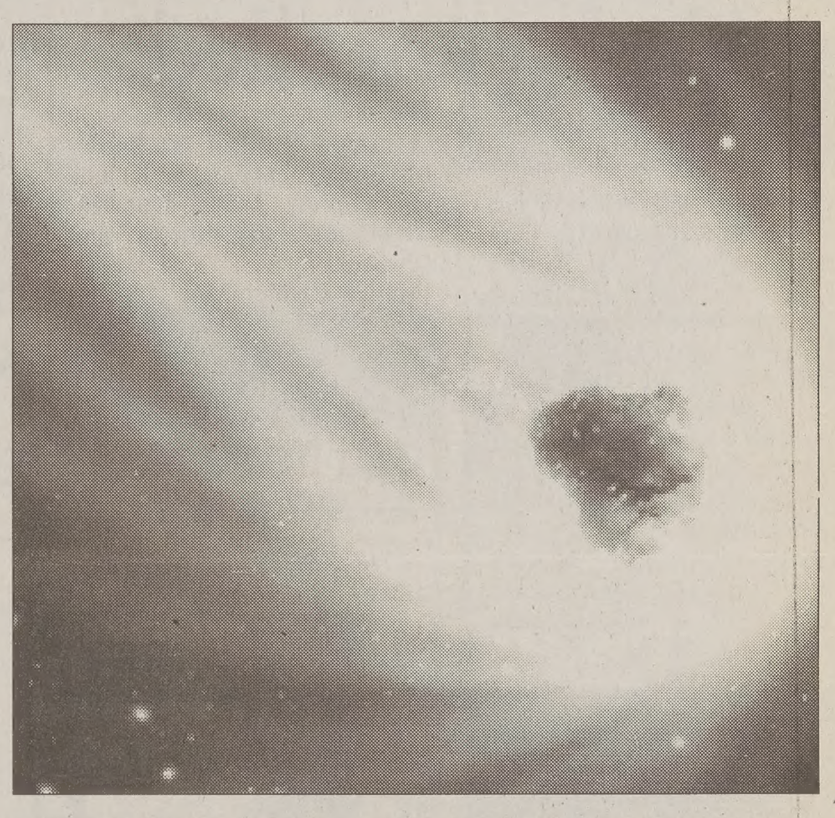
> — Jason Williiams, Sandy resident

"I was in Rio (de Janeiro, Brazil) on my mission in 1986 when the comet traveled by," he said. "I remember it looking like a big version of a shooting star going across the sky."

Making its gigantic orbit around the sun, Haley's Comet is scheduled to return in 2061.



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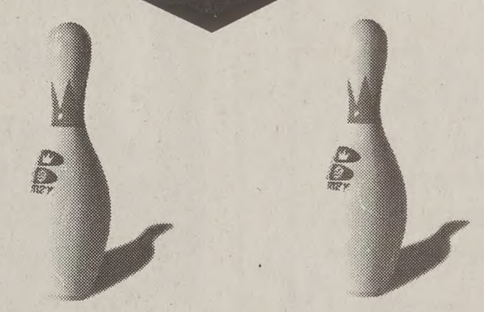
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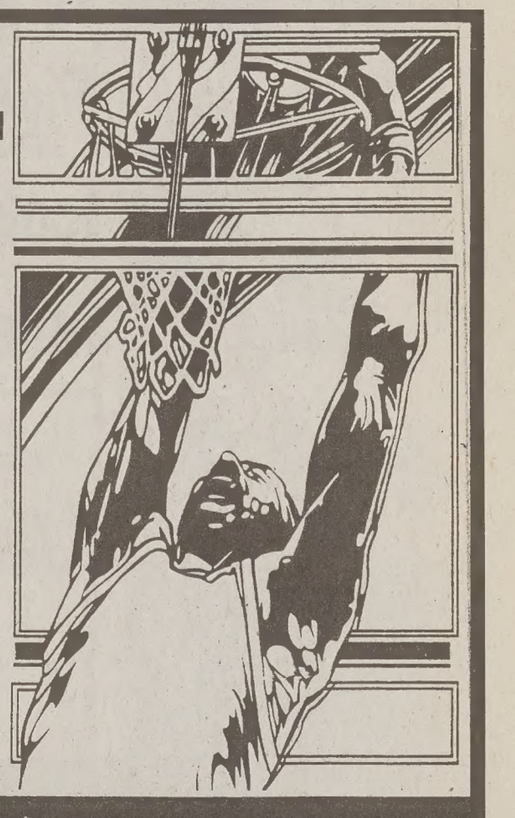
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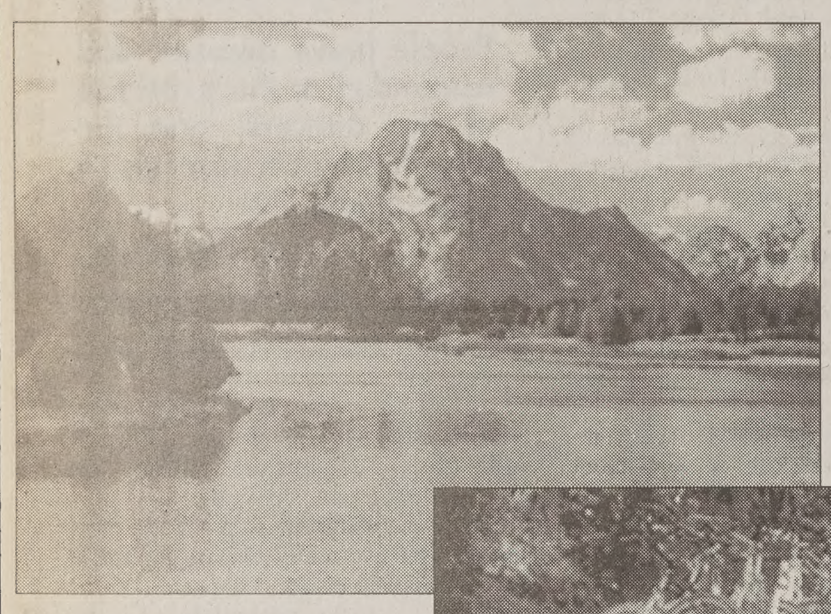

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A family rests after biking in the mountains of Oregon. Some parents involve their children in their outdoor adventures at an early age.

By Julie Murdock
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NewsNet Sports Writer

While most kids his age are learning to walk, 18-month-old Jack Wheatley enjoys hiking, camping and rock climbing.

And when he learns how to talk, the budding adventurist can thank his parents for teaching him to appreciate the outdoors at such a young age.

"We bring him everywhere we go, he never gets left home with a baby-sitter," said his mom, Khristy Wheatley, a 1999 BYU graduate. "I plan on taking Jack snow skiing soon."

Nature is the best way to help kids discover the world around them, said Roxanne Shearer, a third-grade teacher at Vineyard Elementary in Orem.

"Parents can do a great service to their children by teaching them about the outdoors," Shearer said.

Khristy Wheatley said she knows some moms may think she's crazy for taking a child on outdoor adventures, but she believes it is important to teach children to appreciate and respect nature.

"If you're doing some kind of an adventure, always bring your kids along," she said. "Encourage them to go out and explore."

But Wheatley may not be as crazy as she thinks.

Keith Karren, a professor in the BYU health department, said that teaching a child to respect nature will help them learn to respect themselves.

Karren said he built a mini-ranch at his home to help his kids learn respect and responsibility towards the environment.

"Learning to respect God's creation teaches kids to respect others as well," Karren said. "Horses respond very positively to kind discipline and respond very negatively to abuse, just like humans."

Shearer said she also feels children need to learn to respect nature and wildlife.

"Kids want to touch, touch, touch everything they see, like they see a bug and they want to kill it," she said. "They need to learn to step back and let nature take its course."

Shearer said she is teaching her students about the ecosystem and habitat and has found the best way to do that is to take them outside.

"Students become themselves when they're outdoors," she said. "There's a certain freedom when they're outside the classroom."

To teach kids to respect nature, Shearer suggests families pick up trash at a park or mountain trail and help restore nature to its clean, natural state.

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- Have young children pack and carry their own knapsack.
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World Cup skiing in Utah cancelled

Associated Press

Three straight days of snow last month canceled a World Cup competition and kept the world's best downhill and giant slalom skiers off the slope that will be used during next year's Winter Olympics.

Not to be deterred, World Cup skiers who want a sneak preview for 2002 have entered the NorAm races scheduled for later this week at Snowbasin.

The NorAm circuit usually includes up-and-coming racers who have yet to make a mark internationally. But the Snowbasin event is expected to include top women from Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Norway and elsewhere.

Marjan Cernigoj, the U.S. Ski Team's women's coach, said Olympic-caliber skiers are hungry to get a feel for Snowbasin.

The downhill races are set for Friday and Saturday; the super-G is Sunday.

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selection committee Mike Tranghese had no explaining why many teams didn't make the tournament's 65-team

schedules simply weren't nough.

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ese repeatedly reiterated

d weak non-conference es as the reason teams Alabama and Richmond ot out of the field, and wn was seeded No. 10 in Region after entering the ked No. 18.

ell you Georgetown got low as they did because non-conference sched- anghese said. "I think Georgetown over the s that they went to Notre e in the year and won. I y had to win that game. nk, they knew it."

teams, however, were l for playing strong . The most notable was which became the fifth first since Villanova in be chosen as an at-large 14 losses. They are the , and first since Texas in be picked as an at-large 16 wins.

we looked at Georgia e 16-14 and 9-7 in the ference in the country," e said. "They played the non-conference schedule country, and we just would be unfair not to nto account."

ulldogs were seeded the East Region, setting st-round game against ubble team rewarded for RPI ranking, Missouri.

rgia coach Jim Harrick is Bulldogs deserved the

at Tennessee twice, we rida, at Mississippi, at Vanderbilt," coach Jim Harrick said. "Those were quality wins. We beat five teams in the top 25."

Harrick and Lefty Driesell of Georgia State joined Eddie Sutton as men who have taken four schools to the tournament.

Not every team's entries – or seedings – were determined by non-conference schedules, though.

Three of the four top seeds – Stanford in the West, Duke in the East and Illinois in the Midwest - were expected. Stanford (28-2) also was a No. 1 seed last year, while Duke (29-4) is a top seed for the fourth straight year.

Michigan State (24-4) got the fourth No. 1 seed, in the South Region, because, Tranghese said North Carolina went 4-4 in its last eight games.

But little of what transpired was a surprise.

North Carolina slipped to a No. 2 spot after losing 79-53 in the ACC title game Sunday, and was joined by fast finishers Kentucky and Arizona, plus Iowa State as second seeds.

Thirty-five of the 65 NCAA bids went to teams from the six strongest conferences, and the Big Ten matched the record for most bids from one conference, seven.

Only five at-large bids did not come from the top six conferences. Those berths went to Cincinnati of Conference USA, Creighton of the Missouri Valley, Fresno State of the Western Athletic, and St. Joseph's and Xavier of the Atlantic 10.

Twenty-one teams with at least 20 wins did not make the field, including California-Irvine, which won 25 games.

Tranghese's explanation again came down to the numbers, but was not received well.

"We did everything that we could do, and we knew that gaining an NCAA at-large bid was going to be tough," said Richmond coach John Beilein, whose Spiders went 21-6. "It just wasn't to be this year."

Sutton is in the field again with Oklahoma State (20-9), a sentimental choice for many fans after playing the final month of the season following a plane crash that killed 10 people, including two players.

"We know they will be playing with a lot of emotion," Southern Cal center Sam Clancy said. "We can't let ourselves get caught up in those emotions."

With Louisville failing to make the field in Denny Crum's final season, Arizona's Lute Olson takes over as the active coach with the most appearances at 23. Olson's run of 17 in a row is also the longest current streak, with Temple's John Chaney and Kansas' Roy Williams second, each at 12.

AP photo

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski shows the net he cut down following the Blue Devils' win in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game. Duke is the No. 1 seed in the East region of the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament.

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Knight mulls Texas Tech job

Associated Press

For the first time in more than 30 years, Bob Knight will watch the NCAA tournament as a coach without a team.

How long will that last? Knight isn't saying.

He was coy about his future Monday during a conference call promoting a Web site that is paying him to provide his picks for the NCAA basketball tournament.

But Knight, fired in September after 29 years at Indiana, has confirmed he plans to visit Texas Tech later this week for a meeting about the school's coaching vacancy.

Knight was invited by longtime friend and Tech athletic director Gerald Myers, who said Monday the two will hold a short news conference Thursday.

"Then we're going to expect the press to let us look at the city and have some time for ourselves," Myers said.

Also Thursday, March Madness begins without Knight, and he joked that it won't seem all that different than in recent years. His Hoosiers failed to get past the second round in the last six NCAA tournaments.

"The last couple of years I've done more watching than coaching," he said. "You never want to get used to that."

During the conference call, Knight avoided talking about the Texas Tech opening and instead promoted the Web site that has posted his picks.

His chart – which has Stanford winning it all and Indiana losing in the regional semifinals - is on Sandbox.com, which reportedly paid Knight about $50,000.

The Web site has more than 6 million registered users; about 600,000 participated in its basketball contest last year.

The Reston, Va.-based company runs a variety of fantasy sports leagues and casino, arcade and trivia games. It's free to play, but users must be registered and prizes are awarded.

When Knight was asked Monday whether the online games amounted to gambling, Sandbox.com executive vice president Bill Carey quickly interjected: "It's not considered gambling because it's an absolutely free site."

Knight added simply: "I don't think I could answer it any better than he does."

NCAA spokesman Wally Renfro said Knight's participation doesn't appear to violate any NCAA rules. Even if Knight were hired to coach again, it would be up to the university to approve any continuing involvement with Sandbox.

"We've had our folks look at it and it doesn't appear to be a gambling site," Renfro said.

Knight, who led Indiana to three national championships before he was fired for misconduct, plans to keep close tabs on his former colleagues and players.

"No matter how far we went, the times we went all the way to finals or got beat early in the tournament, it's always been something I've enjoyed watching and I will this year," he said.

"There's a lot of people I like and care about that are competing in the tournament, and I'll follow them very closely."

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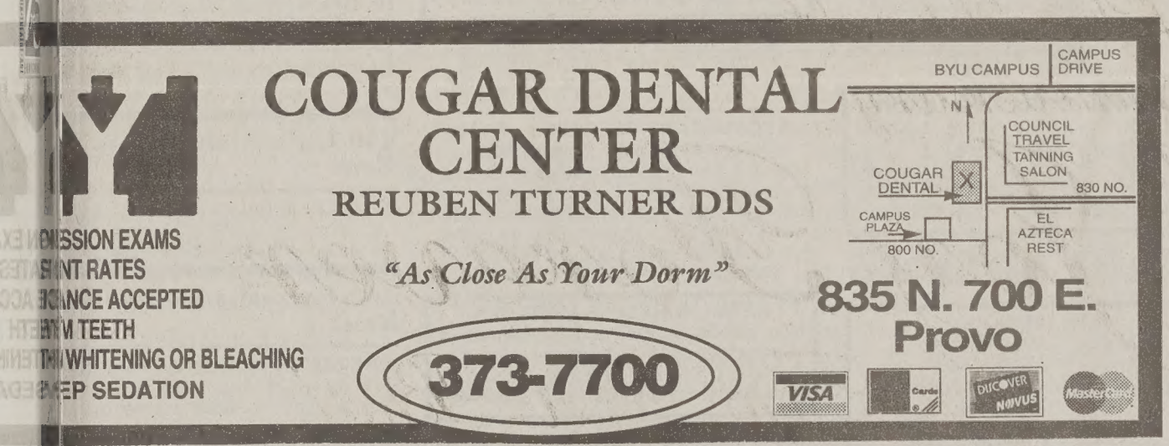

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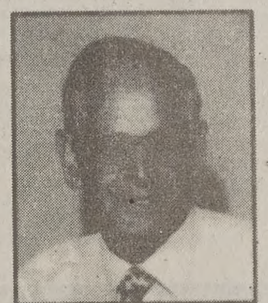

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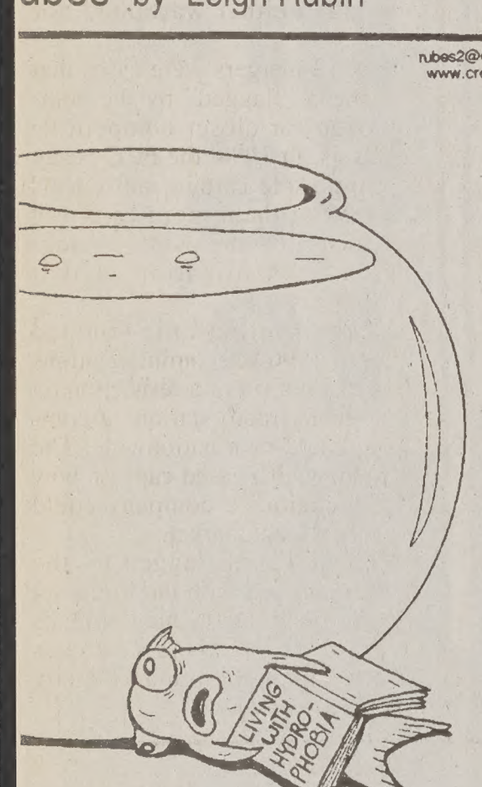

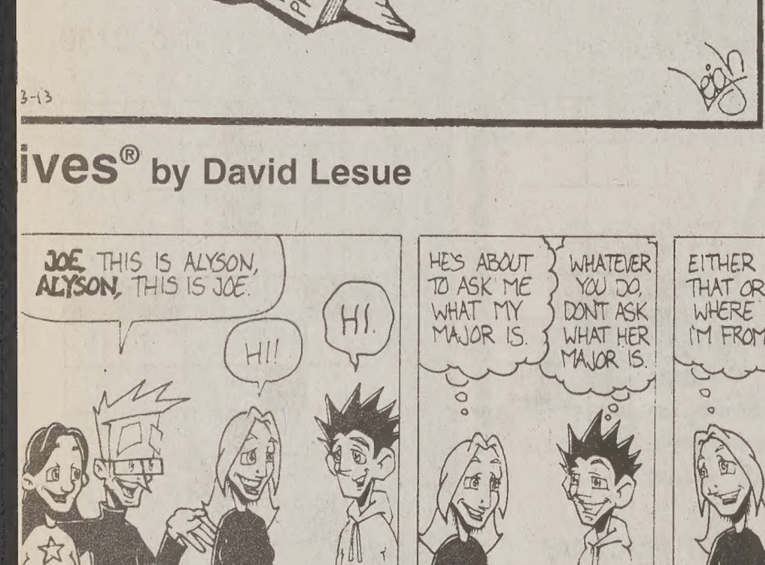
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Tiffany not alone, students join in her concert

By Allison Martin
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NewsNet Staff Writer

The steps of Brigham's Square were home to the '80s-pop-princess-turned-alterna-crooner Tiffany for one stop on her two-month national tour of college campuses, reaching thousands of college students.

By the time her famous tune, "I Think We're Alone Now" blasted through the speakers, the fans that blanketed Brigham's Square had pushed through security ropes and onto the stage, kissing performers and singing along.

"It's going to be tough to top this one," said guitarist Joe Brooks.

"I'm speechless," said band member Doug Aldridge. "There was an incredible energy here. And everyone was so cool."

Estimates from Guest Services said the crowd numbered anywhere from 10,000 to 13,000. The largest crowd before the BYU show was at UCLA with 4,000 students.

"We met our quota, and there were a lot of happy people on campus," said Thom Carter, executive director for BYUSA Campus Activities. "I think there will be a buzz and a good feeling on campus for a long time."

Tiffany's set started with songs from her new album, which caused the crowd of fans and curious spectators to sway and bounce. By the middle of the concert a few fans had bypassed barricades to sing along with Tiffany and beg for hugs and kisses.

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> —Doug Aldridge, Tiffany's guitarist

UVSC student John Michael Morris ran past security and gave hugs and kisses to the famous singer and her bandmates.

"Everyone wants a piece of the action," he said. "You've got Tiffany up there, and I didn't want all the other members of the band to feel left out because everyone was kissing Tiffany and no-one was kissing them."

Morris's escapade inspired a swarm of daring fans to storm the stage as Tiffany sang "I Think We're Alone Now." As security rushed to construct a human barricade, Tiffany's agent nervously scurried to keep the performers safe.

"It was just like a wall — a sea of people," said keyboardist Lauren Gold. "It definitely got crazy there at the end. I was scared for Tiffany."

Guest services and BYU police officers contained the fans, but some students said too much force was used by security.

Kevin Barney, 24, a senior from Las Vegas, majoring in history, said he was pushed down the stairs by someone from the events staff.

"I felt the security was inexperienced, and they thought it was a serious situation when it wasn't, and too much force was used," Barney said. "It didn't physically hurt, but it was a shock that it happened."

One supervisor explained that their primary purpose was to keep everything under control.

"We try to eliminate the amount of hazards," she said. "Safety — that's basically what we're in charge of."

Despite a slightly unruly crowd the musicians were impressed with BYU.

"If I was gonna give up guitar I'd cut my hair, get rid of the earrings and come to school here," said band member Doug Aldridge.

Travis Lovell/Daily Universe

Tiffany performs in Brigham's Square on Monday. An estimated 10,000 to 13,000 students attended the concert, more than any other college campus so far on Tiffany's 11-week tour.

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ALLAH, West Bank — oldiers fired tear gas and coated bullets Monday at s of Palestinians using a er to try to break through li army blockade, which of a new chokehold on h.

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Minister Ariel Sharon that the restrictions were a tougher policy toward stinians, saying the army posed the tight closure in se to specific warnings terrorist attack. Sharon said they believed the lah closure would be the coming days.

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i media reports said the was part of a new army proved by Sharon, under troops will cut up the West Bank and Gaza Strip into dozens of smaller areas, and tightly control each subdivision.

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> — Ahmed Qureia, Palestinain parliament speaker

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said Monday that he has ordered the lifting of blockades around four West Bank Palestinian cities — Bethlehem, Tulkarem, Qalqilya and Hebron.

Ben-Eliezer said the blockade around Ramallah also would have been lifted had the government not learned that a Palestinian group in Ramallah intended to plant a car bomb in an Israeli city. The Prime Minister's office said the target was Jerusalem and that some suspects had been caught but others were still at large.

The Palestinians said Sharon is using military means to try to impose a political solution. "If Sharon thinks that through such procedures, he can bring the Palestinian people to their knees or bow to him, then he is living in illusions," said Ahmed Qureia, the Palestinian parliament speaker.

Sharon said the Palestinian Authority was to blame for the plight of the Palestinian people. "If they really want to ease the living conditions of their people, they need to take measures against the infrastructure of terrorism as they promised in all the agreements they have signed," Sharon said.

Palestinian activists have designated Wednesday and Friday as "days of rage," to be marked by confrontations with Israeli troops.

On Monday, about 1,500 Palestinians, led by Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo and legislator Hanan Ashrawi, marched toward a barrier north of Ramallah to protest the blockade. Israeli troops fired rubber bullets and tear gas toward the crowd as a bulldozer, decorated with a Palestinian flag, approached Israeli positions.

Census: Increasing Hispanic population

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Hispanics skyrocketed by roughly 58 percent over the last decade, drawing virtually even with non-Hispanic blacks as the nation's largest minority group, newly released government figures showed Monday.

The figures from the national headcount showed there were 35,305,818 Hispanics in 2000, slightly fewer than the roughly 35,383,751 non-Hispanic blacks.

It further documented the changing complexion of America reflected in data released last week to several states.

The American population grew even more complex. New data showed that 2.4 percent, or 6,826,228, of Americans identified themselves as members of more than one race.

The rapid change in diversity is "our big story," said John Long of the Census Bureau's Population Division.

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"Certainly within the last 40 or 50 years, there is probably more diversity now that ever before," said Jorge del Pinal, chief of special population statistics at the Census Bureau.

The Hispanic population surged 57.9 percent since 1990, from 22.3 million to 35.3 million in 2000. America's non-Hispanic black population increased by as much as 21.1 percent, to 35.4 million, while the non-Hispanic Asian population grew by as much as 74.3 percent to 11.5 million.

People could identify themselves as members of any of 63 racial categories, up from only five categories in the previous census. Thus, direct comparisons between the two censuses are impossible.

"Hispanic" is considered an ethnicity, not a race; people of Hispanic ethnicity can be of any race.

Asked to what degree the headcount accounted for immigrants who are in the country illegally, del Pinal said officials "make no attempt to ascertain the legal status of anybody."

The growth rate for America's white population was much slower. The number of non-Hispanic whites increased by no more than 5.3 percent, to 198.2 million, the figures showed.

Despite all the choices available to census respondents, "The overwhelming majority of the U.S. population — roughly 98 percent — reported only one race," said the Census Bureau's Claudette Bennett.

The national-level figures come at the start of a hectic period in which the Census Bureau must transmit by April 1 detailed population data to all

FCC clears 32 radio mergers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission, working its way through a backlog, cleared 32 radio mergers Monday after determining the deals warranted no further review.

It's one of the first major moves by new chairman Michael Powell, appointed by President Bush to replace Democrat William Kennard, to act more swiftly on pending matters. Powell has stressed repeatedly the importance of expediting FCC decisions, favorable to companies or not, so they can form appropriate business plans and not face uncertain fates in a changing marketplace.

"I do not believe the public interest is served by inaction," Powell said in announcing decisions on the radio deals. "Further delay is neither warranted nor just."

The 32 mergers were cases that had been "flagged" by the commission for closer competitive analysis. In 1998, the FCC began putting aside certain radio deals to look at them more carefully because of worries over widespread consolidation in that industry.

The consolidation stemmed from a 1996 telecommunications law that got rid of a restriction on how many radio stations a company could own nationwide. The same law also eased caps on how many stations a company could own in a local market.

All the cases flagged by the FCC complied with the limits set by Congress, but agency officials felt the deals raised concerns about competition and diversity on the airwaves.

orthwest Airline mechanics: ush shouldn't get involved

ed Press

HINGTON — Airline ics demonstrated outside ite House on Monday, ing President Bush's tment of a mediation o resolve their long-run- contract dispute with est Airlines.

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The presidential emergency board was due to take over talks after a lengthy day of negotiations between Northwest and the union ended near midnight Sunday without an overall agreement. Pay raises and retirement were the main sticking points; the two sides came to an agreement on five other issues Friday.

"Over the last 48 hours, Northwest made off-the-record proposals on all economic issues," the company's senior vice president of labor relations, Robert Brodin, said in a news release late Sunday. "Despite our best efforts, we were unable to reach an agreement."

Union officials said the board's appointment and the enforcement of a 60-day cooling-off period had had a negative effect on negotiations. "We're not optimistic we'll get a fair shake," said Harry Shaw, a union negotiator from Memphis, Tenn.

With other airline contracts coming up for negotiation, union members expressed concern about the precedent set by the appointment of a mediation board to head off a labor strike for only the second time since 1966.

"If it weren't for the order, they'd be on strike right now," said United mechanic Tracy Tarring, 28, of Annandale, Va., as protesters circled in front of the White House chanting "No more status quo; PEB must go." PEB refers to the presidential emergency board.

Tarring said he made more from a part-time business repairing landscaping equipment than his full-time job maintaining planes for United.

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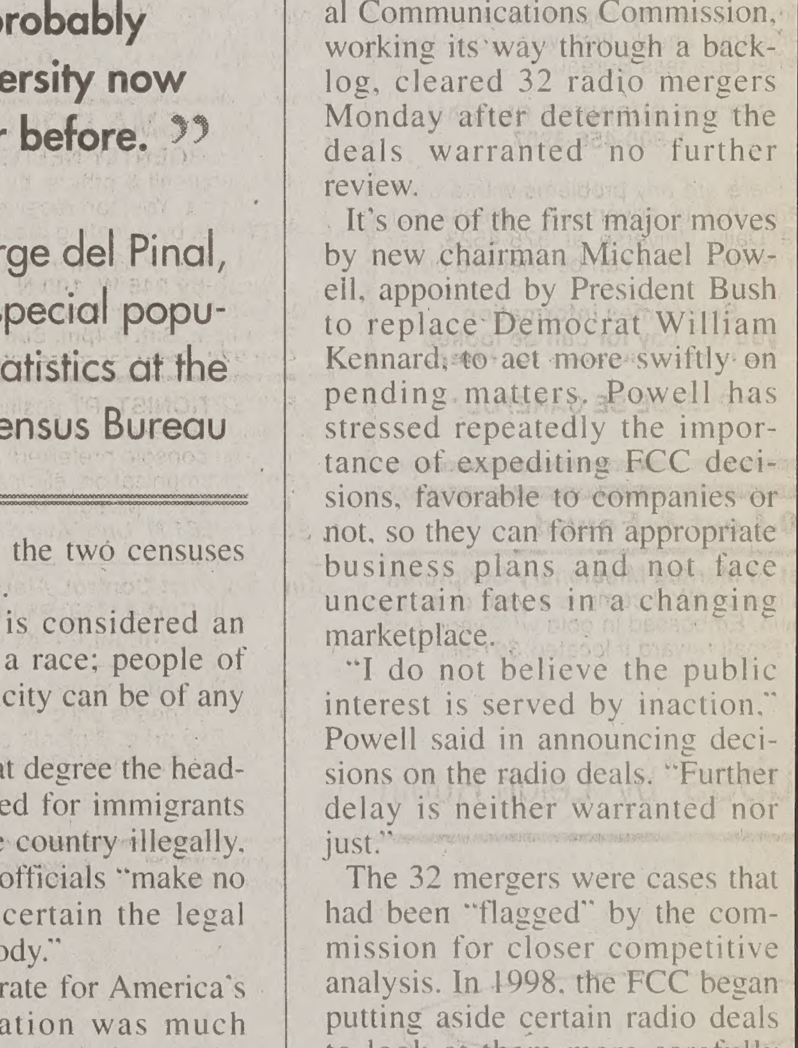
41 It has a home page
42 Expensive violin, briefly
44 Bluefins
46 Actor Beatty
47 Settles a debt in a zoo?
49 Get along
51 Fifth sign of the zodiac
52 "May I ___ silly question?"
53 Has a promising future in a zoo?
59 Ray of film
60 Prefix meaning "sacred"
61 Passably
64 ___ Strip
65 Relevant, in legalese
66 Vicinity
67 Transport dating from the Stone Age
68 Keyed up
69 Cry at a bakery

DOWN

1 Breach
2 Feller in a forest
3 Origin, as of an idea
4 Not quite
5 Leaves a zoo quickly?
6 Some orchestra members
7 Actor Calhoun
8 Fannie ___ (securities)
9 Layers
10 General outlines
11 In ___ of
12 Knowing about
13 Recuperate
21 Drug dealer's nemesis
22 Wallpaper unit
25 Hug
26 "We ___ please"
27 Rudder's spot
28 Take notice
29 School started by Henry VI
30 Sheep-related
31 Held a party for
32 One of the Corleones
35 Ballet wear
38 Monopoly property
40 Emphasizes forcefully in a zoo?
43 Rick who sang "Disco Duck"
45 Literary pen name
48 "As if I care"
50 Wyatt Earp, for one
52 Lots of lots
53 Supermarket supplies
54 Traveler to Tel Aviv
55 Tool related to a 2-Down
56 White House worker
57 Seabird
58 Noted loser by a whisker
62 Census datum
63 ___ bran



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included the Financial Information System and Member Information System, which helped decrease paperwork and increase efficiency.

Today, the Church of Jesus Christ's Family Search Web site receives more than 7 million hits per day.

Church magazine archives from the Ensign, New Era, Liahona and Friend are available from 1971 to the current issues. It is also possible for church members to go online and order items from the Church of Jesus Christ's Distribution Center; only wards and stakes were able to order items before as groups.

"I threw away all my Ensigns because it's easier to find them on lds.org," Rasmussen joked. "It's amazing."

The church's largest presence on the Internet can be seen on its official Web site www.lds.org, developed by MSTAR, a company in Orem. In addition to church magazine archives, the site provides numerous resources such as news, historical items, church curriculum and scriptures in audio to name a few.

"The first time (the church Web site) had a public presence on the Internet was a big step;" said David Kenison, senior developer at MSTAR. "What we've done at MSTAR with the help of church departments is make that material more dynamic and easy to update ... using technology with better video and graphics."

The Web site is updated daily with news, current events and other church announcements, which is also available through a free daily e-mail subscription service.

However, one concern with new technology is the complacency it can cause among members. With the use of streaming video and audio, the technology capability exists for members to sit at home and watch their church meetings from the comfort of their couch rather than attend in person.

"(That would) take away from what the scriptures say are a need to gather as a body," Rasmussen said.

Kenison said the purpose of the Internet is not to take away from attending church or reading the scriptures, but instead to augment the gospel with additional good material.

Kenison said MSTAR does this by drawing people into the scriptures with cross-linked materials and hot links into the scriptures.

"We want to make the right material available without losing the vision of what's the most important," he said.

When the Church of Jesus Christ first launched lds.org, Elder Jeffrey R. Holland spoke at a press conference and said that the church is not ignoring the Internet but is not breathlessly smitten by the Internet either.

"We're moving very cautiously forward in using that technology appropriately," Kenison said. "It is the church's procedure to not rush into things, but make sure they do them right."

Rasmussen said the church is purposefully moving slow with its use of new technologies.

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> — Russell Rasmussen, adjunct religion professor

"They're seeing ways to utilize it to bring people together," he said.

Another reason for slow going on the Internet is that, in the past, Internet connections were limited mainly to the United States.

"That's changing. And (the Internet) is becoming more and more generally accessible around that world," Kenison said.

Other new technologies such as wireless and updated satellite capabilities exist, but the Church of Jesus Christ has made no official announcements as to how and when it will utilize those. The church looks into using technology as it is proven and established, Kenison said.

The Internet has helped the church reach outlying areas and countries where there may only be a small branch of members.

Traditionally, those members would have to wait two months before receiving tapes of general conference. And even then, they would only get to see a few talks during sacrament meetings.

General conference has been another tremendous success story, Kenison said. After the technology of streaming audio was utilized, translation soon followed. Now members can watch general conference live in their own language with streaming video capabilities.

MSTAR broadcasts general conference in 30 to 40 languages worldwide, in addition to CES firesides and devotionals. Previous conference sessions can be viewed at any time through the Web site.

"That, more than anything else, we've seen members blessed and touched," Kenison said.

In the future, MSTAR will make the church Web site available in multiple languages, which, Kenison says, will open up even more doors of gospel study and gospel understanding to members around the world.

"The church is always looking at new technologies and ways it can be used to bless the members of the church," he said.

Technology aided President Gordon B. Hinckley's plans to build the small temples. In the early stages of construction, contractors and church architects were communicating by Fed Ex, which was very expensive, Rasmussen said. Now they post all of their plans to the Internet.

Rasmussen also speculated that the Internet might be used to ease the costs of communicating with mission homes as well as with wards and stakes. It could save the church hundreds of thousands of dollars, he said.

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satisfying professionally," said Dave Kenison, senior developer at MSTAR in Orem.

MSTAR is in charge of maintaining lds.org and other church Web sites.

One part of MSTAR is LDS Gems. Kenison started the e-mail distribution service, which shares information about the church, news items and historical church items.

"We watched our subscriber numbers grow and grow — people all around the world joining," Kenison said. "For that group of people, it was very satisfying to get rapid updates."

This news service helped members receive current information during a few key situations in the past. One situation was when missionaries were kidnapped in Russia in 1997.

"For church members this was a very traumatic thing to happen," Kenison said. "We followed that story closely and gave updates about what the church was able to announce."

"We felt church members benefited greatly form just having information about a story that was of high interest to them. They would have had tremendous difficulty getting current information any other way."

The Church of Jesus Christ has used the Internet in other ways besides relaying information on Web sites. It is trying to further its reach even within the church, Rasmussen said.

Recently, a live-streaming technology was set up in Alaska for a stake conference.

Because stake boundaries cover thousands of miles, some members had to fly on planes in order to come to stake conference, Rasmussen said.

"The church used live-streaming technology and people saw stake conference for the first time," he said.

The Church of Jesus Christ has used other options to help members to participate in church meetings and functions.

Rasmussen lived in Egypt when Deseret News broadcast general conference for the first time.

"To be able to have that stuff right as it was happening helped us feel very connected — helped us feel like we weren't missing a beat from what was happening in church head quarters," Rasmussen said.

Kenison helped post general conference on lds.org and saw it help the lives of others as well.

"We've seen members blessed and touched. We would receive messages from people who said, 'For the first time in my life, I felt like I was actually participating in conference.'" Kenison said.

"For those who don't live close to Salt Lake City, knowing they can access material, they feel more a part of the church. People are feeling more connected than they ever have before."

Mexico president backs rebel march

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Masked Zapatista rebels urged passage of an Indian rights bill after riding triumphantly into the heart of Mexico's capital in a march supported by the president and welcomed by 75,000 cheering supporters.

Fulfilling a vow in their declaration of war seven years ago, the rebels entered Mexico City's Zocalo plaza on Sunday. They assured they had no intention of seizing power.

"Mexico, we do not come to tell you what to do. We do not come to guide you in any direction. We only come to ask respectfully that you help us, that you do not allow that there be another dawn for this (Mexican) flag without us," said rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos.

The entrance capped a two-week tour of southern Mexico — part of a campaign for a sweeping series of constitutional amendments that would guarantee greater political autonomy for Indians and expanded rights for their cultures.

On Monday evening, the 24 Zapatista leaders were to meet with a congressional commission to press for an Indian rights bill. The leaders say they will stay in the city until the measure is passed.

Sunday's event marked the first time a rebel group had openly paraded into the city since revolutionary leaders Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata — the rebels' namesake — did it in 1914.

The 23 rebel commanders and their military leader, Subcomandante Marcos, rode a flatbed truck into the city's main plaza, to chants of "You are not alone" from a massive crowd.

"Once again, the federal government and Congress have a chance to choose between peace with dignity and justice, or war against the indigenous peoples," said rebel leader Comandante David.

Marcos made a poetic appeal for a multi-ethnic Mexico and criticized President Vicente Fox, who has gone further than any of his predecessors to meet the Zapatistas' demands.

Marcos said the Zapatistas were a different brand of rebels — like the original army of peasants led by Zapata.

"We do not aspire to hold power," Marcos said.

Comandante Esther more ly attacked Fox's promise market forces to give Mexi better standard of living.

"We don't want a little bu a compact car and a televi Esther said, repeating Fox's frequent phrases. "W recognition of our rights."

The criticism of Fox wa tively muted compared with the rebels directed at his cessors. Fox himself sub the Indian rights bill to Co but has not yet freed all rebe oners or removed all the bases demanded by Zapatistas.

Both Fox and the Zap have staked prestige on the march. The rebels hope t support as a political force Fox hopes it will help him a what two previous pres failed to do: Convince the to abandon their guns.

"Welcome Subcomar Marcos, welcome to Zapatistas, welcome to the cal arena, the arena of disc of ideas," Fox said in a address on Saturday.

Fox said the rebel tour proof of the new democrac ered in when he broke the ruling party's 71-year grip presidency.

Still, the rebels repe expressed wariness of Fox, interview published Sunday magazine Proceso. Marcos he and Fox were "diametr opposed."

"We are part of the world ing toward recognizing d ences, and he is working t hegemony and homogenizin just the country, but the w Marcos said.

The Zapatistas have roc Indian peasant organiza church activists and a Le guerrilla group from nor Mexico.

Their only significant mi success was the seizur Chiapas towns. Fighting wit government lasted only 12 before a cease-fire took hold

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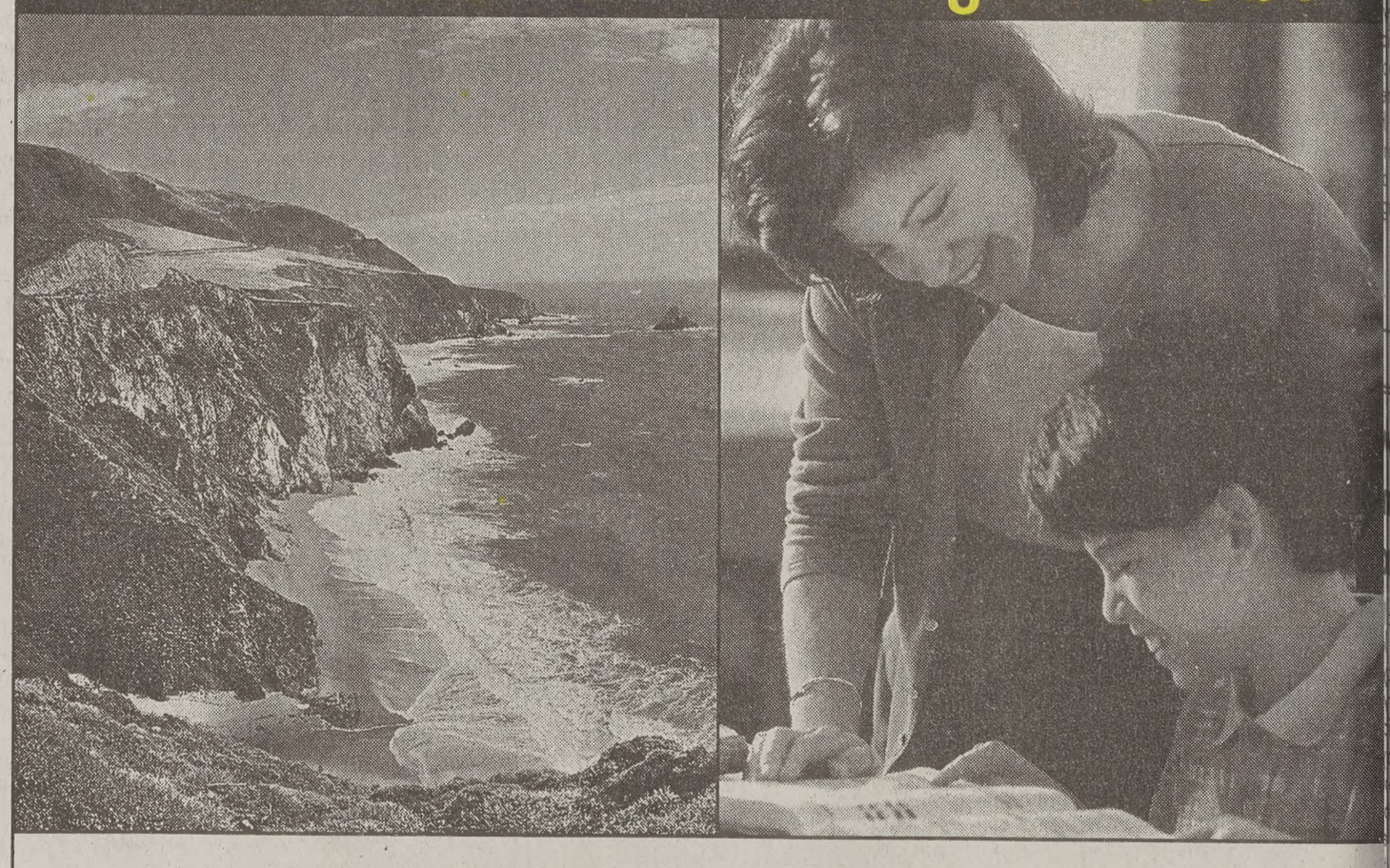

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